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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont") Petition dated October 1, 2009
requesting Approval of Modification of Its Experimental Hedging Plan.
Docket No. 2001-410-G

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has discussed this modification request with representatives of Piedmont regarding the above referenced matter. ORS has no objections to approval of the requested modification to its Experimental Hedging Plan in order to reduce the range of hedged volumes from 30% to 60% of annual sales volumes to 22.5% to 45%.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely,

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